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RUSSELLVILLE MAN SENTENCED FOR DISTRIBUTING MARIJUANA

– Convicted felon also had a stolen pistol

David L. Huber, United States Attorney for the Western District of Kentucky, and Paul Vido, Special Agent in Charge of the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF), Louisville Field Division, jointly announced today that **JASON LAMAR HINES**, age 30, of 721 Copple Street, Russellville, Kentucky, in Logan County, **pled guilty** to selling marijuana to the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force, carrying a firearm during and in relation to a federal drug trafficking crime, possession of a firearm by a convicted felon, and possession of a stolen pistol.

This is a **Project Backfire** prosecution. **Project Backfire** is a partnership of state and federal law enforcement which targets violent offenders for prosecution to the fullest extent of state and federal law.

The maximum potential penalties are life imprisonment (for carrying a firearm during and in relation to a federal drug trafficking crime), a \$1,500,000 fine, and supervised release for a period of no more than five years.

Hines pled guilty and admitted that on November 29, 2005, in Logan County, he distributed marijuana, and that during and in relation to this crime, he carried a .25 caliber semi-automatic pistol. **Hines** also pled guilty to possession of a firearm after having been convicted of a felony,

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and to possession of a stolen firearm. After making a controlled buy, police executed a search warrant and found approximately 12 ounces of marijuana, with a street value of approximately \$1,800.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorney Larry Fentress, and it was investigated by the South Central Kentucky Drug Task Force and the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives.

The plea was entered before E. Robert Goebel, Magistrate Judge, United States District Court, Bowling Green, Kentucky.

Hines is scheduled to be sentenced before Judge Thomas B. Russell on July 5, 2007, at 12:00 noon, in Bowling Green, Kentucky.

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